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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find copies of five (5) Official Actions from the Korean Patent Office one dated February 4, 2005, and the others dated February 23, 2005, in connection with Korean patent applications corresponding to the above-identified application. Also enclosed is an Official Action dated March 15, 2005, from the Japanese Patent Office, in connection with a corresponding Japanese patent application. Further enclosed are copies of documents cited in the enclosed Official Actions. Still further enclosed is a Form PTO/SB/08A and B, listing the enclosed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to issuance of a Notice of Allowance in the above-identified application, but prior to payment of the Issue Fee. For satisfying requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(d), the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed, and the following Statement is made under

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Each of the enclosed documents is not in English. To the extent that the documents cited in the enclosed Official Actions are Japanese patent documents, it is respectfully submitted that requirements of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the enclosed English abstracts thereof.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that applicable requirements of 37 CFR § 1.97 and § 1.98 have been satisfied, with respect to the presently submitted documents listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents and, subsequent to said consideration, issuance of a U. S. patent based upon the above-identified application is due course, are respectfully requested.

Applicants request any shortage or excess in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, and for which no other form of payment is offered, be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 Case: 648.40349VX3).

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